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1. EMBASSY AND CONGEN KARACHI HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEFENSE MINISTRY, FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND SUPARCO (KARACHI) ON THIS MATTER AND EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT IS THAT GOP APPROVAL WILL NOT BE OBTAINED UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER JUNE 1 BUT HOPEFULLY BY JUNE 15. THE DEFENSE MINISTRY AND SUPARCO OFFICIALS ESTIMATED TWO MORE WEEKS BUT STRESSED THAT THERE ARE MANY AGENCY CLEARANCES TO BE OBTAINED AND THIS TAKES TIME. THE MFA TODAY WARNED THAT A MORE REALISTIC ESTIMATE WOULD BE AFTER JUNE 1.

2. DURING MEETING ON MAY 14 BETWEEN CHARGE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTING DG (AMERICAS) TAUQIR HUSSAIN, THE LATTER SAID THAT FINAL APPROVAL HAD TO BE OBTAINED FROM MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED AND THAT THIS PROBABLY COULD NOT BE OBTAINED UNTIL AFTER HIS RETURN ON MAY 30 FROM HIS PRESENT TRIPS TO ISTANBUL AND PEKING. HUSSAIN PROMISED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THIS PROJECT, JOINT SECRETARY TARIQ MUSTAFA, AND TO INFORM US IF THERE IS LIKELY TO BE MUCH FURTHER SLIPPAGE.

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